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ELECT.

For: IMPROVED METHODS OF CULTURING
EMBRYONIC STEM CELLS AND
CONTROLLED DIFFERENTIATION

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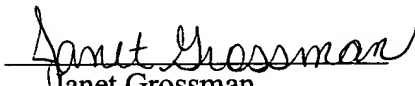
Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 25 2003, setting forth a requirement for restriction, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111 and 1.143, Applicant provisionally elects, with traverse, Group I, Claims 1-29, drawn to a preparation of undifferentiated embryonic stem cells and methods of culturing. In connection with the election of Group I, Applicant further elects "noggin" in response to the requirement for species election.

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